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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) GW WB
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THE FRG

REF: USCINCEUR 111446Z MAY 78

1. MANY THANKS FOR THE ASSISTANCE FROM YOUR COMMAND IN
PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION FOR THE
OUT-OF-BONN PORTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND ALSO
FOR YOUR COMMENTS IN REFTEL ON THE SCENARIO WHICH THE
EMBASSY PROGRAM COMMITTEE HAS PREPARED AND WHICH WE ARE
NOW FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON.

2. IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE PROPOSED RHEIN MAIN/
WIESBADEN/BRIGADE 76 SCENARIO, WE GAVE CAREFUL CONSIDER-
ATION TO THE THREE ALTERNATIVES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED

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BY EUCOM AND DREW ELEMENTS FROM EACH OF THEM. WE
RECOGNIZE THE ADVANTAGES OF YOUR ALTERNATIVE BRAVO,
WHICH IS RESTATED IN REFTEL, BUT FELT THAT IT ALSO HAD
OVERRIDING DISADVANTAGES. AS HAHN AIR BASE IS
ESSENTIALLY AN AMERICAN INSTALLATION, THERE COULD BE
SOME AWKWARDNESS IN MAKING THAT THE FIRST LANDING PLACE
SINCE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE TRAVELLING THAT MORNING AS

A GUEST OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR. IN ADDITION, THE EXTRA STOPS INVOLVED IN THE HAHN/FINTHEN/WIESBADEN/BRIGADE 76/RHEIN MAIN SCENARIO (ALTERNATIVE BRAVO) COMPLICATE LOGISTICS AND ADD TO THE SECURITY HAZARD. THE NECESSITY FOR USING SMALL AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS FOR THAT SCENARIO WOULD ALSO MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO PLAN AN INCLEMENT WEATHER ALTERNATIVE.

3. ONE OF THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WE FOUND WITH ALTERNATIVE BRAVO WAS HANDLING THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPECTED TO BE INVOLVED. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY, WE EXPECT THAT MOST OF THE 250-MEMBER PRESS CORPS WILL WISH TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT ON HIS MAJOR MOVEMENTS AND THAT THE WHITE HOUSE WILL WISH THEM TO DO SO. AS THIS IS A JOINT FRG-US EVENT, THERE WILL ALSO BE A SIZEABLE GERMAN OFFICIAL AND PRESS CONTINGENT. OUR BELIEF WAS THAT THE NUMBER OF SMALL AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS NEEDED WOULD BE LARGER THAN COULD EASILY BE FOUND.

4. THERE ARE, AS YOU POINT OUT, DIFFICULTIES IN THE RHEIN MAIN/WIESBADEN SCENARIO, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT USE OF MOTORCADES INCREASES THE SECURITY PROBLEMS. IT MAY WELL BE THAT EITHER THE SECRET SERVICE OR THE GERMAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES WILL RULE OUT AUTOBAHN TRAVEL ON THOSE GROUNDS.

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5. I AM SURE THAT YOUR ALTERNATIVE BRAVO WILL RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON, ALONG WITH THE ALTERNATIVE WE ARE PROPOSING AS WELL AS THE EARLIER NUREMBERG/GRAFENWOEHR OPTION. AGAIN, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.
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